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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/862,879	Applicant(s) DENT	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-77 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-77 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 5/22/2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-77 are presented:

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 15-35, 40-50, 54-56, 60-71 are rejected under 35 USC over Henderson (US Patent cited below).

Claims 5, 12-14, 51-53, 57-59 are rejected under 35 USC over Henderson and Wang (US Patent cited below).

Claims 36-39, 72-77 are rejected under 35 USC over Wang.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 15-35, 40-50, 54-56, 60-71 are rejected under 35 USC over Henderson (US Patent 5602536, cited by Applicant).

Regarding claim 1, Henderson teaches "A method of enabling or activating a protected function, said method comprising: storing an authorization code in a wireless communication device; transmitting an access request from said wireless communication device to an access control device; receiving an authentication

challenge from said access control device at said wireless communication device in response to said access request; computing an authentication response based on said authentication challenge and said authorization code; and transmitting said authentication response from said wireless communication device to said access control device (column 1, line 29 to column 2, line 42, i.e. long range electromagnetic communications)."

These passages of Henderson do not teach "authentication challenge" in the sense of the claim..

Nevertheless, it was well known in the art (by the time of the claimed invention) to have a "authentication challenge" among advanced processing systems (e.g., passwords in computers, long distance phone card codes, etc.) to have "authentication challenge" for the motivation of security.

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify Henderson for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 2 (time indication to limit access etc.), such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of dividing access to scarce resources (bandwidth, etc.). Regarding claim 3-4, 6-11, 15-35, 40-50, 54-56, 60-71, such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across processing systems and for the purpose of security.

Claims 5, 12-14, 51-53, 57-59 are rejected under 35 USC over Henderson and Wang (US Patent 6175922, cited by Applicant).

Henderson teaches as noted above.

Henderson does not teach such e-transactions such as smart cards and centralized control as in these claims.

Wang teaches such e-transactions for the motivation of ease of commerce.

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine Henderson and Wang for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Claims 36-39, 72-77 are rejected under 35 USC over Wang.

Regarding claim 36, Wang teaches "A method of programming a wireless communication device with an authorization code used to enable or activate a protected function, said method comprising: storing a master code in a central controller; receiving an initialization request from said wireless communication device; computing an authorization code based on said master code, said central controller in response to receipt of said initialization request; communicating said authorization code to said wireless communication device (column 3, lines 5-60, i.e. transaction approval handling).

These passages of Wang do not teach "initialization" in the sense of the claim. Instead, Wang is a system of ongoing sets of transactions (not limiting to initialization).

Nevertheless, it was well known in the art to have a "initialization" situation among transactions (especially in situations of infrequent transactions where re-initialization of expired information is needed) for the motivations of efficiency and security.

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify Wang for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

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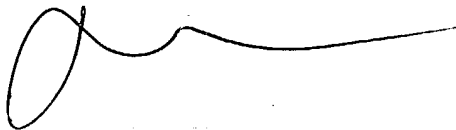
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David Jung

Patent Examiner

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